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SUBJECT: MINISTER FACIO TO DISCUSS BANANAS WITH SECRETARY

REF: SAN JOSE 1349

1. FOREIGN MINISTER GONZALO FACIO, WHO DEPARTS APRIL 9 FOR THE SIXTH EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY OF THE UN, TOLD THE PRESS THAT THE BANANA PRODUCING COMPANIES WOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE APRIL 16 MFM IN ORDER TO HAVE SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER ON THE PLAN FOR ASSESSING A \$1.00 PER BOX "TAX" ON BANANAS WHICH WOULD BE PASSED ON TO CONSUMER NATIONS. LA NACION REPORTED THAT FACIO SAID HE WOULD ASK THE SECRETARY'S COLLABORATION IN PUTTING THE SCHEME INTO EFFECT.

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2. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE O'LEARY STORY IN THE WASHINGTON STAR NEWS COMPARING THE BANANA SCHEME WITH THE ARABS' MANIPULATION OF PETROLEUM PRICES, LA NACION SAID FACIO REPLIED, "WE ARE NOT TRYING TO TAKE REPRISALS AGAINST THE U.S. BUT SIMPLY TO PROTECT OURSELVES", BUT HE ADDED THAT IT WAS UNDERSTANDABLE THAT THE BANANA PRODUCERS SHOULD WANT MORE FOR THEIR FRUIT WHEN THE PRICE OF FRUIT IMPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES WAS STEADILY INCREASING.

3. FACIO ALSO REPORTEDLY STATED THAT HE PLANNED TO "RAISE THE BATTLE OF THE BANANA TO A WORLDWIDE LEVEL" AT THE THE EXTRA-ORDINARY ASSEMBLY BY BRINGING TOGETHER AFRICAN AND ASIAN PRODUCERS WITH THE LATIN AMERICANS DURING THE NEW YORK MEETING.
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